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Ms. Everett, B. Hudspeth and
Ms. Ethel Burton





Ms. Ethel Burton

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Open House
will also be held on
Sunday afternoon,
November seventh
nineteen hundred seventy-six
from two until four p.m.

The Board of Trustees,
Students, Faculty and Alumni
of
East Central Junior College
request the honour of your presence
at the
Dedication
of
Newton Hall and The Burton Library
Saturday afternoon, November sixth
Nineteen hundred seventy six
two o'clock
Portico of Burton Library
Decatur, Mississippi
and
Homecoming 1976
Saturday evening, November sixth
Pre-game ceremonies will include
parade at four o'clock
and
Homecoming banquet at six o'clock
preceding the
Homecoming football game
with Jones Junior College
at seven thirty o'clock

ECCC library goes on-line

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East Central Community College's Burton Library has two projects currently being implemented that will greatly impact the way service is provided to users and the information that will be available to them.

"The first project," said Ann Burkes, head librarian, "is our SIRSI system which allows us to have an on-line catalog, an automated circulation system and the ability to complete inventory by scanning the bar codes of books on the shelves."

The system is graphics-based and therefore provides a very colorful and user-friendly screen for the catalog. "While several other community colleges in our state are using the SIRSI system, ours is one of the first graphics-based systems to be used in Mississippi community colleges," Burkes added.

The other project being imple-

mented is the MAGNOLIA project. "When available, which should be just after Labor Day, this service will enable our users to have access to full-text articles in several thousand periodicals, journals, newspapers and pamphlets as well as citations to thousands of additional articles.

The information will be available on the Internet and can be accessed by anyone who has Internet service at home," said Burkes.

Through these new projects services provided by Burton Library will be greatly enhanced and additional information will be provided to strengthen the teaching/learning processes at the College.

For more information regarding services available at Burton Library, contact Ann Burkes, head librarian, ECCC, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, Miss. 39327, Ph. 635-2111, ext. 219.

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Dedication

NEWTON HALL-BURTON LIBRARY

November 6, 1976, 2:00 P.M.

MUSIC East Central Junior College Band

INVOCATION Rev. Travis Fulton
Pastor, Scooba Methodist Church
Scooba, Mississippi

MUSIC Collegians

WELCOME Dr. Charles V. Wright, President

DEDICATION ADDRESS Mr. W. H. Johnson, Jr.
Attorney at Law

INTRODUCTION OF PLATFORM

GUESTS Dr. Charles V. Wright

RESPONSES FOR —

BOARD OF TRUSTEES Mr. A. F. Hollingsworth
Scott County Superintendent of Education and
Chairman, East Central Junior College
Board of Trustees

FACULTY Miss Lucille Wood
President of Faculty Club

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION Mrs. Jessie M. Everett
President of Alumni Association

STUDENT BODY ASSOCIATION Miss Julie Latham
President of Student Body Association

BENEDICTION Rev. Travis Fulton

RIBBON CUTTING AND OPEN HOUSE

**MEMORABILIA ROOM GRAND OPENING
BURTON LIBRARY**

Saturday, October 15, 2005

9:00 A. M.

Welcome, Introductions and

Comments.....Ms. Gloria Johnson

Head Librarian

Invocation.....Mrs. Gail Wood

Assistant Librarian

Remarks.....Mrs. Gail Wood

Assistant Librarian

Dr. Phil Sutphin, President

Ms. Lucille Wood, Chair

Social Science, Business

Administration and

Education Department

Mr. Ovid Vickers, Retired

English Professor

Ribbon Cutting.....Ms. Lucille Wood

Mr. Ovid Vickers

**EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
*WITH YOU IN MIND***

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It is an honor to represent the faculty of East Central Junior College on a day such as today, when two new learning facilities are being dedicated.

These buildings can only come alive when they are filled with students. It is the student who breathes life to a campus and causes it to become alive. It is the whole function of the other parts, faculty, administration and service personnel to aid in changing boys and girls into thinking men and women.

Because of my close associations with many of the teaching faculty here at East Central, I share their thoughts and beliefs. We have chosen classroom teaching as our field of work because of its unique opportunities. The student represents more to the East Central Junior College teacher than a number, or an object to instruct on holding down a job. The great challenge is to aid and instruct in how to live. It has been proven that machines can never take our place. Machines can aid, but it is the day by day relationships between teachers and students that the goals of education can be achieved. Those who excell we share in their happiness and those who fail a little of us die with them.

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Times change and progress must be made to keep with the changes. Twenty-five years from now when present day students return to this campus, I hope this building and its memories mean as much to them as the old classroom building did to me.

The new library building across the way is truly an achievement for our college and our area.

The naming of this building for Miss Burton is an honorable endeavor. The library building with all its beauty, charm, and potential for service is in keeping with this one woman. This woman who gave her working years to this institution, who went about her job with dedication and never asked for material rewards or public recognition. Former students of Miss Burton and faculty members who worked with Miss Burton applaud this administration and board of trustees in naming our new library for Miss Ethel Burton.

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Lucille Wood - 51
Dedication Speech - Burton Library

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Speech given by Ms. Lucille Wood November 6, 1976 / Dedication of Newton Hall
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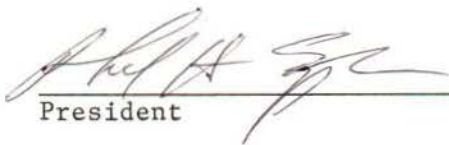
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To: Dr. Sutphin
From: Gloria Johnson *Thanks GJG*
Date: 5/20/02
Re: Complete Signage for Burton Library

According to the Tom Tom, November 3, 1976 (which is the only records that we could locate), the library was named the Burton Memorial Library. For clarity, future reference and in talking with Ms. Lucille Wood, I ask that the name read MAMIE ETHEL BURTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY. We already have the word LIBRARY on the Southwest corner of the building. Perhaps, we could place MAMIE ETHEL BURTON MEMORIAL above LIBRARY or, at the least, with minimum shifting of the letters.

Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated. Completing the namesake of the library is important...

I approve:



President

5/22/02

Date

cc: Ms. Gloria Johnson ✓

EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

TO: MIKE DEARING, DIRECTOR OF PHYSICAL PLANT
FROM: PHIL A. SUTPHIN, PRESIDENT
SUBJECT: LETTERING FOR LIBRARY AND RIVES BUILDING
DATE: MAY 22, 2002

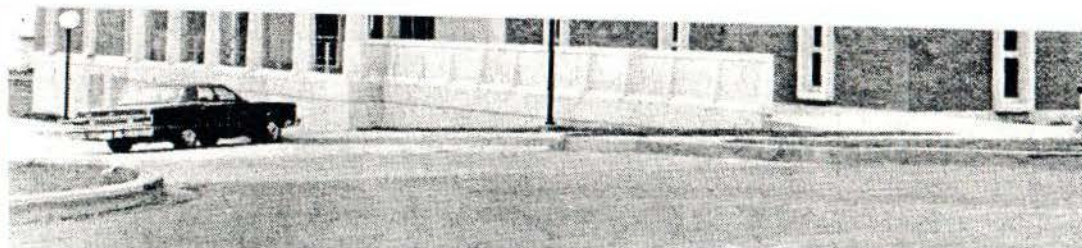
On August 13, 2002, at 3:00 p.m., the College will hold the Convocation to name the South Campus Classroom Building the Frank T. Rives Educational Building. Lettering for the building will need to be in place at that time. Please order the proper lettering that will match the lettering on campus, particularly Ethridge Hall.

Also, order lettering for the library to recognize the full name of the library, Mamie Ethel Burton Memorial Library. We may have to remove the current lettering to insure proper spacing and matching lettering.

Please contact me with any questions.

Thanks

cc: Mickey Vance, Vice President for Business Affairs



--TEN YEARS OF PROGRESS--

The old auditorium building [upper left] is one of the few remaining original buildings left on the East Central Junior College campus at Decatur. These buildings have been replaced by many new ones, like the new classroom building [top right] and the Burton Memorial Library [bottom right]. These new buildings were built during the administration of E.C.J.C. President Dr. Charles Wright.

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Homecoming
Schedule on
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November 3, 1976

New buildings to be dedicated Nov. 6

by Carolyn Evans

The anxiously awaited dedication of two new buildings on the East Central Junior College campus at

Decatur will become final Saturday, November 6, with a dedication ceremony beginning at 2 p.m. in front of Newton Hall, the new class-

room building. Also to be dedicated will be the new Burton Memorial Library.

The ceremony will include an invocation and benediction by Rev. Travis Fulton, Methodist pastor at Scooba, Miss., and the introduction of platform guests by Dr. Charles Wright, President of the college. Responses will be given by A.F. Hollingsworth, Chairman of the College Board of Trustees; Julie Lathem, Student Body Association President;

Miss Lucille Wood, Faculty Club President; and Mrs. Jessie M. Everett, Alumni Association President. An honored guest for the day will be Mrs. Ethel Burton of Montgomery, Alabama, for whom the library is dedicated.

The dedication ceremony will be followed by open house from 2:30 - 4:00, a Homecoming parade beginning at 4 p.m., an Alumni Business meeting from 4:30 - 5:30, and a Banquet at 6.

There will also be open house on Sunday, November 7, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Newton Hall, the new classroom building which was opened in April, 1976, was constructed at a cost of \$800,000. The 16,000 square foot structure is totally modern in design. An outstanding feature of the building is a 1,680 square foot lecture room on the first floor. This room, which

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enrollment of 30. Today, 22 classes are offered in six different locations with over 200 enrolled for anywhere from 1-4 classes, four nights a week.

Locations of the night classes are as follows: Louisville Elementary School, Carthage High School, Philadelphia High School, Forest Community Ser-

30, due to the fact that classroom construction is adaptive to seat that many. Some classes have attracted as many as 50 students. For example, in Carthage, 62 individuals registered for a course, therefore two sections were made.

The occupations of those attending the night classes, as

ways wanted college credit and are taking advantage of the opportunity, (6) Some are teachers who want to certify in another field, and (7) A love of learning.

In Dr. Shelby Harris's Fundamentals of Math class in Louisville there are 16 veterans, most of whom are factory workers. According to Harris, student attitudes have changed. Under the GI Bill, a veteran with remaining credit may receive as much as \$400, depending on the number of dependents and on the number of courses taken. At first it seemed that many were taking classes just to get the money but since these individuals have been "weeded" out, the general attitude is that most of them are "seeking an education."

In Choctaw Central the situation is entirely different. Harris teaches 17 Indians, most of whom have jobs connected with the Indian Agency and are training for advancement in employment. Harris noted that the government is paying for half of their education through grants, with the students paying the other half.

Dean Brad Tucker commented

obtained off-campus. Science, English Composition II, which requires library facilities, and skill courses that require typewriters and other equipment must be taken at East Central.

Besides night classes, East Central also offers several Vocational courses, including: Masonry and Trade, Carpentry and Cabinet Making, Auto-Mechanics, Auto Body and Fender, Electricity, Cosmetology, Radio and T.V. Repair, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning, Machine Shop, and Welding. Welding classes are also held during the day at Carthage and Louisville. East Central additionally offers

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includes a small stage, will be very versatile and will accomodate films, lectures, and other presentations. The auditorium-style classroom is carpeted and has cushioned seats to accomodate 125 people. The building has six classrooms, some larger than others.

Of interest to faculty and staff members was the installation of a telephone switchboard, enabling each faculty member to have a phone in his or her office. Also housed on the first floor in the carpeted faculty office complex are the faculty lounge and mail room.

An example of the modern classrooms is the use of floor-to-ceiling chalk boards in the math classrooms. Also housed in the building are a new public relations office and photography darkroom, a duplicating room with a multi-copy machine, and a conference room.

Certainly one of the most outstanding features of the building is the Home Economics Department, located on the second floor, with a large kitchen, living room and dining room, sewing laboratory, grooming area, and foods lab.

Burton Library, which is centrally located on campus, cost approximately \$600,000. The new library

which is very spacious and roomy in 18,730 square feet, has many added features. The building is made up of a large front lobby, a professional room for teacher-use, and workrooms for the librarians use. The new library also has a conference room for student and faculty purposes. A special feature for the students use are the individual study rooms containing typewriters and adding machines. These can also be used for group studying without making it difficult for others to study. The Mississippi Room will contain and exhibit many articles and items which deal with the history of Mississippi and East Central. These rooms will be carpeted, paneled, and completely furnished.

Another asset which will be included in the building of the new library is the parking and walk-way facilities which will be added in the surrounding area. There are parking spaces in the front and side of the building, as well as parking facilities for the handicapped.

Administrators and members of the alumni association anticipate this to be one of the biggest events scheduled in recent years for the East Central campus. The public is cordially invited to attend each of the events on Saturday or the open house on Sunday.

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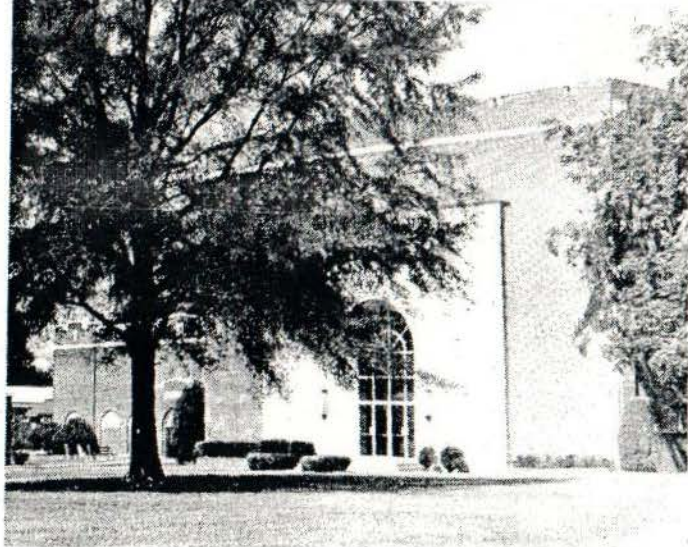
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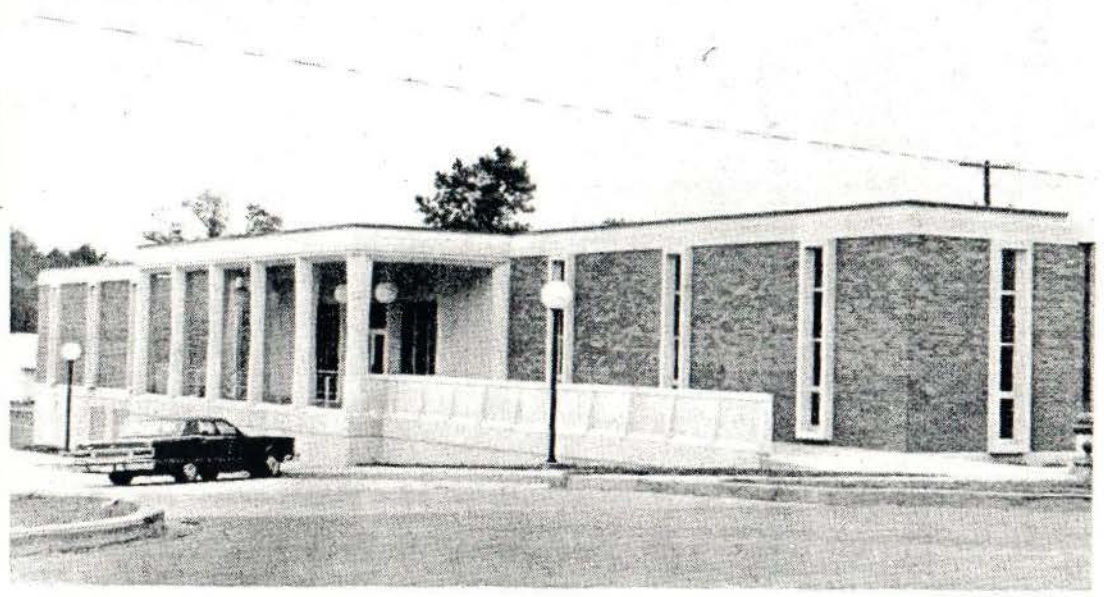
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ECJC: Ten Years of Progress



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D6 The Birmingham News / **SATURDAY** / Birmingham Post-Herald, September 25, 1999

BURTON, MS. MAMIE ETHEL, age 102, of Montgomery, Alabama, died Wednesday, September 22, 1999. Graduate of Howard University and Oklahoma State University. Served as the Librarian at the East Central Community College (Decatur, Mississippi), until her retirement. She was honored after her retirement by having the library building named after her. Member of Forest Park Baptist Church in Montgomery. Visitation will be Sunday, September 26th from 1:00-2:00 P.M. Chapel service will be Sunday, September 26th at 2:00 P.M. with burial in Old Salem Cemetery (Calera, Alabama). Survivors: nieces and nephews, Lois Lambert McKean of Montgomery, Ruth Lambert Viering of Cincinnati, Ohio, Donald Burton Lambert of Clarksville, Tenn., Joseph Chandler Burton, Jr. of Anderson, S.C., Pat Burton Montana of Baton Rouge, La., Yvonne Burton Nasta of San Antonio, Tex., Sandra Hansen Martin of Calera, Margaret Ann Crawford of Wauwatosa, WI, Bearnard Burton Hansen of Wauwatosa, WI; numerous great nieces and nephews; many loving and devoted friends; sister, Margaret Burton Youngblood of Calera. Memorials to: Ethel Burton Memorial Fund through the Baptist Foundation of Alabama in Montgomery, or the East Central Community College Foundation for the Faculty Enrichment Endowment. Southern Heritage is directing.

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November 6, 2001

News Release:

Will the Library Soon Be Like the Dinosaur?

The bell just rang to begin the first term of college English. Mr.

Instructor begins by telling the class that they must complete a term paper in four weeks. Where does one begin researching the chosen topic?

Ten years ago, most students would have made the long trek to the building they thought was the campus library and spent many hours searching through books, magazines and newspapers. Today, the internet has become so popular that students never have to leave the privacy of their home computer to find an abundance of information about any topic.

With the internet so prominent in today's society, where does the traditional library fit in the puzzle? Will the library as we once knew it be extinct like the dinosaurs or will it evolve into something totally different?

Gloria Johnson, East Central Community College's head librarian, said she thinks " the physical library, greatly enhanced by technology, will continue to be the vital link for research and continue to serve as the heart of the academic setting for information."

"Today, many students have access to the library and learning resources online from the privacy of their home. However, I think that students will continue to come to the library for both research and leisure reading because information retrieved through the internet is massive and instant, resulting in the need for continual instructions on how to access information. Also, experience shows that students need librarian / patron interaction," said Johnson.

Johnson also said, "Traditional library services are complemented by technological advances, which help to make library and learning resources more accessible. Technologies are enabling the library to offer virtually unlimited access to information, regardless of location. Because of these advances and the need to assist users, the role of the information specialist or librarian has changed significantly and they are in greater demand than ever."

Johnson said on average, 130 students a day use the computers in Burton Library.

Do they continue to check out books, read newspapers and use the card catalog? Does the library even have a card catalog now?

"Yes, students still check out books, mainly for class assignments," said Johnson. "However a number of students check out books for leisure

reading. Most of the students who normally read the newspaper continue to read the physical copy of the paper. Unless there is a paid subscription, most newspaper affiliates provide only an abridged version of their newspaper through the internet. Also, some students keep abreast of the news through the internet, especially for controversial or significant issues, such as the bombing of the World Trade Center. ”

The traditional card catalog does exist and Johnson said they use it as a teaching tool and in the event of technical problems with the online catalog.

“Even though we have stopped placing records in our card catalog, quite a few students still prefer to use the traditional catalog with the understanding that materials added to the collection since January 1997 are not included. Also, when there are a number of patrons conducting research at a given time, the traditional catalog is used,” said Johnson.

In this fast-paced world we live in, the internet may be a student's first choice in finding information for that term paper but Communications Division Chairperson and English instructor Linda Pierce said there are specific requirements when it comes to research and the traditional library sources will continue to be used.

She said, "We feel that practice in library usage is vital to success in college. Therefore, we make sure students do research both in the library and online. And the librarians at East Central are extremely helpful to both instructors and students."

"We encourage students to use a variety of sources so that they will have experience in locating information in books, magazines, newspapers and online. Different topics adapt more easily to the internet, while others adapt more easily to books."

"Although we allow students to use the internet in research and, in fact, encourage its use, we also require students to use the MAGNOLIA project through our library because of its valid and reliable sources."

The library is indeed changing. Maybe it won't be extinct any time soon, but it will definitely continue to be altered by the effects of technology."

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In the meantime, Johnson said to make research simpler, students should know that research "is a process that involves planning and that it is not always literal."

She said, "In addition, students need to know how to "manipulate" information using key word searching techniques and to become familiar with both traditional library resources and electronic databases. Computer

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**literacy is vital for conducting research online. And when in doubt,
students need to communicate with a librarian."**

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A Case of College Memories
By: Jenna S. Talbert
September 2002

How many of you think that ECCC's library is merely comprised of books?

That's where you are wrong! "We want our patrons to know that we offer much more than books and magazines," says Gloria Johnson, head librarian. Though unknown to many students, the library boasts a room, simply entitled "The Mississippi Room." This room, which is located at the north end of the library, contains books about Mississippi as well as works of Mississippi authors. There are also two exhibit cases in this room. One is of particular interest. This case is the collection of "ECJC" memorabilia.

When the college was founded in 1928, it was named East Central Junior College. The campus also included Newton County Agriculture High School. However, on Tuesday, December 15, 1987, the Board of Trustees unanimously voted to change the name to East Central Community College. This change was largely due to the rising enrollment and expansion of the campus. Though confident that this change was needed, many people experienced some grief at the thought of leaving things in the past. "...I feel the twinge of emotion as we put aside the name that has identified our college...since 1928," said Dr. Eddie M. Smith, then president.

The exhibit case contains many treasures from the ECJC time, many donated by Mr. Ovid Vickers, retired professor, and Mrs. Lucille Wood, current instructor, chairperson of the Social Sciences Division, and former women's basketball coach. There are formal dining plates, pictures, a ladies basketball uniform, coasters, bumper stickers, key-chains, a gavel, a hat, and an unique ashtray. This ashtray was sold in the bookstore during the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the college. However, what makes the ashtray unique, is that it is portable and collapsible. Apparently, during the time period before Federal regulations banned smoking in some public facilities, a person

could smoke anywhere on campus. Due to the impracticability of placing standard ashtrays everywhere, these alternatives were sold in the College Bookstore. Therefore, a student or a faculty member could smoke anywhere, place the ashes inside the ashtray, close it and later empty it. Pretty nifty, huh?

Inside the case is another very intriguing item. This is a black straw hat with long black streamers. This hat belonged to Mrs. W.W. Newsome. "Mrs. Newsome was one of the very first members of the faculty ECJC," explained Mr. Vickers, long-time educator and donor of the hat for the exhibit case. "Mrs. Newsome was required to wear this hat when she was at school at MSCW, now known as the Mississippi University for Women." Looking at the hat is like taking a step back in time. It rests in the display case, nestled amongst plates and bumper stickers as yet another piece of ECJC's history.

The display also contains an old ceramic jug. This jug is a very simple white jug, with E.C.J.C. painted on the side in black. Many years ago, Eddie Johnson of Philadelphia gave the jug to Mr. Vickers. Eddie Johnson's father made pottery and formed this jug, which looks very much like the old whiskey jugs you would see on shows such as "The Beverly Hillbillies." "But Mr. Johnson was blind, you see," explains Mr. Vickers. However, the jug is nearly perfect and is a wonderful example of how a person can overcome a handicap.

Full of treasured memorabilia, the beautiful exhibit case itself has a story. "When we first began this project last year, it was in the middle of the school year, so there was no money in the budget allocated for such an expense," explained Johnson. Such a small problem was not to be an obstacle, so the librarians turned to the Physical Plant Manager who directed them to the Campus Carpenters, Mr. Dewey Nelson and Mr. Ken Massey. A trip to storage led Mr. Nelson and Mr. Massey to a cabinet that could be reworked. After retrieving four legs from the garbage, they installed a glass door, added shelves,

fluorescent lighting, molding, and a lock. Once they had thoroughly stained it, they had transformed the cabinet. "They literally changed trash into treasure," says Johnson, "and we're very grateful for the beautiful exhibit case that only cost us a few dollars."

The work that has been accomplished by Ms. Johnson and Mrs. Gail Wood, assistant librarian, is remarkable. They have not only put together this case of ECJC memorabilia, they, along with previous librarians, also have an extensive amount of archives from 1928 up until 2002. These archives are amazing and contain such things as a diploma from 1931 and a yearbook from the 1929-1930 year that is completely handwritten. However, the ladies wish to continue this tradition. "I would love to have a display near the front entrance of the library containing things native to the state, such as pottery and other artifacts," says Johnson. "We need one for ECCC memorabilia, too," adds Wood. Yet they need our help and the help of the faculty. "We would gladly accept donations of memorabilia..." said Wood. "And a display case," Johnson laughs.

How do they feel about their display?

"I think it is absolutely wonderful. It is something that we've always wanted and I'm just thrilled that it's happening," says Johnson. Mr. Vickers agrees, "I think it is a great idea and I would hope that anyone who has objects of memorabilia from the ECJC years would donate them to the college to be put in the display case." Johnson added, "It is a part of our mission to preserve and promote the history of the college and this is an excellent way of meeting that goal."

9/30/02- "A Case of College Memories" was included in the Fall 2002 issue of the Tom-Tom.

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The exhibit case contains many treasures from the ECJC time, many donated by Mr. Ovid Vickers, retired professor, and Mrs. Lucille Wood, current instructor, chairperson of the Social Sciences Division, and former women's basketball coach. There are formal dining plates, pictures, a ladies basketball uniform, coasters, bumper stickers, key-chains, a gavel, a hat, and an unique ashtray. This ashtray was sold in the bookstore during the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the college. However, what makes the ashtray unique, is that it is portable and collapsible. Apparently, during the time period before Federal regulations banned smoking in some public facilities, a person could smoke anywhere on campus. Due to the impracticability of placing standard ashtrays everywhere, these alternatives were sold in the College Bookstore. Therefore, a student

or a faculty member could smoke anywhere, place the ashes inside the ashtray, close it and later empty it. Pretty nifty, huh?

Inside the case is another very intriguing item. This is a black straw hat with long black streamers. This hat belonged to Mrs. W.W. Newsome. "Mrs. Newsome was one of the very first members of the faculty at ECJC," explained Mr. Vickers, long-time educator and donor of the hat for the exhibit case. "Mrs. Newsome was required to wear this hat when she was at school at MSCW, now known as the Mississippi University for Women." Looking at the hat is like taking a step back in time. It rests in the display case, nestled amongst plates and bumper stickers as yet another piece of ECJC's history.

The display also contains an old ceramic jug. This jug is a very simple white jug, with E.C.J.C. painted on the side in black. Many years ago, Eddie Johnson of Philadelphia gave the jug to Mr. Vickers. Eddie Johnson's father made pottery and formed this jug, which looks very much like the old whiskey jugs you would see on shows such as "The Beverly Hillbillies." "But Mr. Johnson was blind, you see," explains Mr. Vickers. However, the jug is nearly perfect and is a wonderful example of how a person can overcome a handicap.

Full of treasured memorabilia, the beautiful exhibit case itself has a story. "When we first began this project last year, it was in the middle of the school year, so there was no money in the budget allocated for such an expense," explained Johnson. Such a small problem was not to be an obstacle, so the librarians turned to the Physical Plant Manager who directed them to the Campus Carpenters, Mr. Dewey Nelson and Mr. Ken Massey. A trip to storage led Mr. Nelson and Mr. Massey to a cabinet that could be reworked. After retrieving four legs from the garbage, they installed a glass door, added shelves, fluorescent lighting, molding, and a lock. Once they had thoroughly stained it, they had transformed the cabinet. "They literally changed trash into treasure," says

Johnson, "and we're very grateful for the beautiful exhibit case that only cost us a few dollars."

The work that has been accomplished by Ms. Johnson and Mrs. Gail Wood, assistant librarian, is remarkable. They have not only put together this case of ECJC memorabilia, they, along with previous librarians, also have an extensive amount of archives from 1928 up until 2002. These archives are amazing and contain such things as a diploma from 1931 and a yearbook from the 1929-1930 year that is completely handwritten. However, the ladies wish to continue this tradition. "I would love to have a display near the front entrance of the library containing things native to the state, such as pottery and other artifacts," says Johnson. "We need one for ECCC memorabilia, too," adds Wood. Yet they need our help and the help of the faculty. "We would gladly accept donations of memorabilia..." said Wood. "And a display case," Johnson laughs.

How do they feel about their display?

"I think it is absolutely wonderful. It is something that we've always wanted and I'm just thrilled that it's happening," says Johnson. Mr. Vickers agrees, "I think it is a great idea and I would hope that anyone who has objects or memorabilia from the ECJC years would donate them to the college to be put in the display case." Johnson added, "It is a part of our mission to preserve and promote the history of the college and this is an excellent way of meeting that goal."